

MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 2, 2008

TO: All Members of the Delaware State Senate
and House of Representatives

FROM: Ms. Daniese McMullin-Powell
Chairperson
State Council for Persons with Disabilities

RE: S.B. 227 [Gold Alert Program]

The State Council for Persons with Disabilities (SCPD) has reviewed S.B. 227 which would establish a “gold alert program” for missing senior citizens, missing persons with disabilities, and missing suicidal persons. The alert would cover both children and adults with disabilities or suicidal profiles. When State or local law enforcement agencies are notified that a covered person is missing, further information would be solicited from the person’s family. The person’s description would then be entered into both State and national databases and the media is also alerted.

SCPD strongly endorses the proposed legislation since it would provide a valuable safety-net system for persons with disabilities, including those with TBI who may be subject to memory loss and disorientation.

Thank you for your consideration and please contact SCPD if you have any questions regarding our position on the proposed legislation.

cc: The Honorable Ruth Ann Minner
Governor’s Advisory Council for Exceptional Citizens
Developmental Disabilities Council

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